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A third installment of readings on Tibet.

- 1) This [insightful piece](#) on the economic roots of discontent in Tibet by Pankaj Mishra, an Indian intellectual who wrote an illuminating essay in the *New Yorker* last year about the impact of the new railroad through the Himalayas and recently was in China.
- 2) A careful day-to-day [reconstruction of events](#), which highlight violence done by both sides on dramatic individual days such as March 14.
- 3) A [fascinating look](#) at the life and thought of the Dalai Lama by Pico Iyer, who has just published a book based on many years of conversations with the Tibetan leader in exile.
- 4) This [news wire report](#) of Chinese dissidents and critical intellectuals calling on the Beijing leadership to “directly engage in dialogue with the Dalai Lama.”
- 5) Also of interest is [this piece](#) by the official Xinhua news agency that, in an effort to counteract any sense that the international community tout court is critical of Beijing at this moment, lists the countries around the world (North Korea, Syria, Nepal, Fiji, etc.) that have “expressed support to the Chinese government in its efforts to ensure social stability and the rule of law in Tibet and to defend the fundamental interests of the Tibetan people.”

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